

HOUSE BILL 311

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By: **Delegate Hubbard**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Professional Counselors and Therapists – Continuing Education – Home**
3 **Study**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing a provision prohibiting the State Board of Professional
5 Counselors and Therapists from authorizing home study courses towards
6 completion of continuing education requirements.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Health Occupations
9 Section 17–504
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article – Health Occupations**

15 17–504.

16 (a) (1) A license or certificate expires on the date set by the Board, unless
17 the license or certificate is renewed for an additional term as provided in this section.

18 (2) A license or certificate may not be renewed for a term longer than 2
19 years.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (b) At least 1 month before the license or certificate expires, the Board shall
2 send to the licensee or certificate holder, by first-class mail to the last known address
3 of the licensee or certificate holder, a renewal notice that states:

4 (1) The date on which the current license or certificate expires;

5 (2) The date by which the renewal application must be received by the
6 Board for the renewal to be issued and mailed before the license or certificate expires;
7 and

8 (3) The amount of the renewal fee.

9 (c) Each licensee or certificate holder shall notify the Board of any change in
10 the address of the licensee or certificate holder.

11 (d) Before the license or certificate expires, the licensee or certificate holder
12 periodically may renew it for an additional 2-year term, if the licensee or certificate
13 holder:

14 (1) Otherwise is entitled to be licensed or certified;

15 (2) Pays to the Board the renewal fee set by the Board;

16 (3) Submits to the Board a renewal application on the form that the
17 Board requires; and

18 (4) Submits satisfactory evidence of compliance with any continuing
19 education requirements as required by the Board for license or certificate renewal.

20 (e) [The Board may not authorize home study towards the completion of the
21 continuing education requirements.

22 (f) (1) The Board shall renew the license or certificate of and issue a
23 renewal license or certificate to each licensee or certificate holder who meets the
24 requirements of this section.

25 (2) The Board shall include the term of the renewal on each renewal
26 license or certificate that the Board issues.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
28 October 1, 2011.